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Public Meeting – Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:00PM
344 Broadway, 4th Floor Conference Room
MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were taken by Jennifer Wright and are respectfully submitted.

Present Commission Members: Kaki Martin (Vice-Chair), Blair Haney, Albe Simenas, Ted Pickering and Jennifer Wright (Director)

Absent Commission Members: Adam Hornstine, Purvi Patel and Dorothy Altman

Attendees: Roger Frymire, Cambridge Resident; John Fallon, MassDOT; Nancy Schlacter, City Manager's Office; Derrick Maloney, JMBA Architects; Joshua Kane, DCR; Bob Rogers, Tibbetts Engineering; Kevin Maloney, Jacobs; Patrick Crowley, Jacobs; Erik Stoothoff, Jacobs; Meredith deCarbonnel, Jacobs; Michael O'Dowd MassDOT; Alex Murray, MassDOT; Amy Getchell, MassDOT; John Fallon, MassDOT; and Julie Wood, CRWA

Kaki Martin opened the hearing.

7:00 - Notice of Intent

Hines

Redevelopment of 165 Cambridgepark Drive from Industrial to Residential

Proposed work within land subject to flooding

The proponents presented the proposed work including but not limited to flood storage impacts and mitigation. The proponents were notified that the DEP has yet to complete their review of the NOI submittal as well as the need to have the City Engineer review the project stormwater calculations.

No public comment was offered. The Commission closed public comment.

The Commission unanimously voted to issue an Order of Conditions with the following stipulations and special conditions:

- A letter from the City Engineer submitted to the Commission summarizing his findings pertaining to the stormwater calculations.
- A favorable review of the NOI by the DEP.
- The proponents must submit a copy of the planting plan for review and approval.

7:20 - Request for Determination of Applicability

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Masonry Repairs at 24 Monsignor O'Brien Highway – Former DCR Stables Building

Proposed work within buffer zone to Charles River bank

The proponents reviewed the scope of work for the project. The Commission asked if the work including grinding and re-pointing of masonry; the answer was yes. The ground would not be disturbed with the exception of mobilization to perform the work.

No public comment was offered. The Commission closed public comment.

The Commission unanimously voted to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with special conditions:

- The site shall be restored to existing condition including but not limited to vegetative cover.
- The proponents are responsible for inspecting all erosion and siltation controls after all rain events.

7:35 - Informational Presentation

MassDOT

Rehabilitation of the Longfellow Bridge

Proposed work is in the resource areas associated with the Charles River

The proponents reviewed the scope of work for the project.

The Commission and public voiced concerns regarding over-shading of the vegetated detention basin, current street sweeping policies, the size and location of the detention basin, the design of the detention basin is for the first 1" of rain in Boston and only ½" in Cambridge, the phosphorous contaminated stormwater flowing into the Charles River and the inconsistency with the design of deep sump catchbasins in Cambridge (designed to be 4 feet instead of 6 feet).

The NOI is scheduled to be heard on July 23rd at 7pm.

8:15 - Administrative Topics

Meeting Minutes June 25, 2012 – unanimously approved

8:20 - Other Business

North Bank Bridge will be opened on Friday, July 13th at 2pm.

City of Cambridge sponsored wetland planting in the Alewife Reservation on Saturday, July 14th.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:25 PM.